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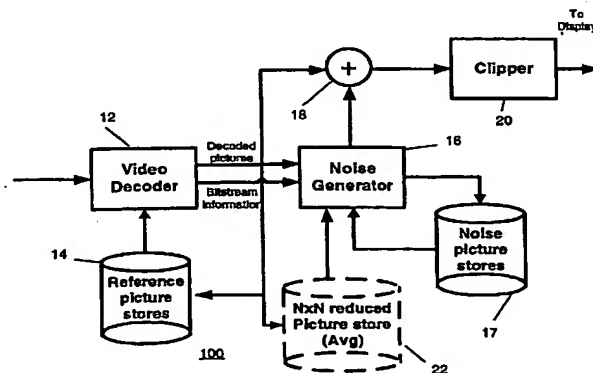
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(57) Abstract: A decoding arrangement (10, 100, 1000) for decoding pictures in an incoming video stream includes a noise generator (16) for adding a dither signal containing random noise to the pictures after video decoding, to improve the subjective video quality. The noise generator adds noise to each pixel in an amount correlated to the luminance of at least a portion of the current picture.